GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF LPG IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to supply LPG in rural areas on cheaper rates ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : There is no proposal to supply LPG in rural areas at cheaper rates. Domestic LPG marketed by Public Sector Oil Marketing companies (OMCs) is subsidized. In addition to the Government subsidy, OMCs are also bearing the bulk of the burden of subsidizing this product. Based on international prices of LPG in February, 2005, the total average subsidy per 14.2 KG LPG cylinder works out to about Rs.96.20/cylinder. Domestic LPG, at subsidized rates, is available throughout the country.